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SUBJECT: PER DIEM FOR OVIEDO, SALAMANCA AND VALENCIA

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WE CONCUR THAT THE PRESENT PER DIEM RATES FOR "OTHER" AREAS OF SPAIN ARE INADEQUATE TO COVER REASONABLE COSTS FOR LODGING AND MEALS AT SUITABLE AND MODERATELY PRICED FACILITIES AS AN EXAMPLE, A RECENT TRIP TO SALAMANCA BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER REQUIRED EXPENDITURES OF PTS. 1,180 FOR SINGLE ROOM, INCLUDING BREAKFAST AND PTS. 500 FOR LUNCH AND PTS. 700 FOR DINNER FOR A TOTAL OF PTS. 2,380 OR \$35.00. OFFICER STAYED AT GRAN HOTEL, A FOUR-STAR HOTEL BUT TYPICAL OF ONE IN WHICH AMERICAN TOURISTS AND OFFICIAL TRAVELERS WOULD STAY. THE EMBASSY SUBMITTED FORMS DSP-23 FOR SELECTED CITIES IN SPAIN IN JANUARY 1976. WE STATED THAT THE COST INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN DID NOT INCLUDE ANTICIPATED INCREASES TO BE EFFECTIVE IN JANUARY 76 AS THE COST DATA WAS ACCUMULATED IN OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER 1975. ADDITIONALLY, MOST HOTELS INCREASED CHARGES APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT IN JUNE 76. THESE INCREASES WERE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ON THE NEXT DSP-23 SUBMISSION. IT IS RECOMMENDED AN INTERIM PER DIEM RATE OF \$30.00 BE ESTABLISHED FOR "OTHER" AREAS OF SPAIN PENDING THE COMPLETION OF FORMS DSP-23 FOR A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF CITIES IN SPAIN. THIS STUDY WILL COMMENCE SOON AND COMPLETED FORMS DSP-23 SUBMITTED TO A/ALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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